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SUBJECT: GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY CRITICIZES AFGHAN STATEMENT
ON PAKHTOONISTAN.

1. SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS JULY 28 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE BRIEF
ITEM ON GOP FOREIGN MINISTRY REACTION TO REPORTED
AFGHAN STATEMENT ON PAKHTOONISTAN. COMMENTING ON
NEWS REPORTS QUOTING AFGHAN AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI
AS SAYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT RECOGNIZE NWFP
AND BALUCHISTAN AS PARTS OF PAKISTAN, THAT IT WOULD
CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE PAKHTOONISTAN ISSUE AND THAT
IT WAS NOT INTERFERING IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DESCRIBED AFGHAN STATEMENT AS "SELF-CONTRADICTIONARY
AND RIDICULOUS".

2. PRESS REPORTED THAT MFA SPOKESMAN STATE THAT
"AFGHANISTAN MADE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS AGAINST PAKISTAN,"
ON THE ONE HAND, WHILE "IT PROFESSED TO FOLLOW A
POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT WHICH ENJOINED RESPECT FOR THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF OTHER STATES AND NONINTER-
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REFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS". TEXT OF MFA

SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT "AS FOR ITS CONCERN FOR PAKHTOON AND BALUCHS IN PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN COULD MORE PROFITABLY DEVOTE ITS ATTENTION TOWARDS THE WELFARE OF ITS OWN DOWN-TRODDEN, DISEN-FRANCHISED MASSES AND WORK (TO) PROVIDE THEM DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND POPULAR LIBERTIES". ALTHOUGH GOP WANTED TO ESTABLISH GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS, IT "WOULD NOT TOLERATE AFGHAN INTERFERENCE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WOULD STRONGLY REACT IF AFGHANISTAN CONTINUED WITH ITS MILITANT AND AGGRESSIVE ANTI-PAKISTAN POSTURE".

3. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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